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UNIVERSITY OPENS EIGHTH YEAR

With the coming of registration day on September 17th, the University opened its doors for the eighth year of operation, having held its first classes in 1930 in the then newly abandoned old high school building. Through the grace of God, as He has led Christian friends to give of their material wealth, classes have been held on our own campus since the fall of 1935.

During the past years there have been times of tribulation, times of blessing; times of sorrow and times of joy, but behind it all has been seen the hand of the Master, working all things together for good. As He enables the work to grow and expand, only thus far can it be of service to Him. Knowing this, we seek the prayer support of all who love and honor the Lord and who would share with the faculty and students of the

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NEW LITERATURE

At last the new catalogue-bulletins have arrived and are being distributed to those who have sent in requests. Considerably more attractive is this year's than was last year's bulletin. Dressed in a salmon colored cover, on which, in blue ink, is a picture of the front of the Cedar Hill Dormitory, the bulletin is somewhat larger and has added interest because of the cuts appearing at the bottom of most of the pages. Reading through the printed matter and studying the pictures of student life and campus scenes, one has no difficulty in acquainting himself with the University.

Having exhausted the first supply of "The Duel of Bryan and Darwin," originally appearing in the Defender Magazine, the University has on hand almost 5,000 copies of a second printing. Those interested in reading this brief account of the trial and of the beginning of the University should write for a copy. If you wish a copy of the bulletin, do the same.



**WILLIAM
JENNINGS
BRYAN
Said—**

Darwin reveals the barbarous sentiment that runs through evolution and dwarfs the moral nature of those who become obsessed with it. . . . Even the medical men come in for criticism because they "exert their utmost skill to save the life of everyone to the last moment." And then note his hostility to vaccination because it has "preserved thousands who, from a weak constitution, would, but for vaccination, have succumbed to small-pox". . . . Could any doctrine be more destructive of civilization? And what a commentary on evolution!

PARENTS VISIT BRYAN

Bringing sons or daughters to enroll in the University on the seventh and eighteenth of the month were Mr. and Mrs. Willis Shirley, Saltsburg, Pa., parents of Charles Shirley; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gordon, Richmond, Virginia, parents of Miss Christine Gordon, and Rev. and Mrs. Norman Hirschy and Miss Joyce Hirschy, Evans City, Pa., parents and sister of Daniel Hirschy. Mrs. E. R. Peck and Earl Peck, Elyria, Ohio, mother and brother of Miss Rebecca Peck, came to Dayton and will reside here during the school year. With them came Mr. Wayne Smith, a student, and Mrs. Smith and their two children, from Wadsworth, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Webb, Oliveria, N. Y., parents of Miss Janet Webb, a member of the junior class, have also moved to Dayton for the school year. The University welcomes these new and old friends into the fellowship.

THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD

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"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I have sent it."

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Isa. 55:11; Galatians 6:9.)

In this day when there is so much unbelief even among the professing people of God, and when there is a tendency to substitute high-powered methods of persuasion for the plain and simple preaching of the Bible, I am happy to bear witness to the power of the Word of God. While it is true that we should preach the Bible as forcefully as we know how, it is also true that it is the Word, and not our comments on the Word, which God promises to bless.

How many times after we have preached faithfully the Word and see no immediate results we get discouraged. But this should not be. Can we not take God at His Word? Surely we can. And to prove the truthfulness of the above passages of Scripture I shall relate an incident or two from my own experience.

Several years ago I was conducting a meeting in a country church. Conditions in both the church and community made the meeting a discouraging proposition. For two weeks we labored, preaching Christ to lost men. And not once during those two weeks did we try to persuade a person to make a public profession of faith. We honestly felt that we could not ask anyone to join such a church. So we closed the meeting with no visible results of our work. About three months after that, one evening a

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PRESIDENT RUDD TRAVELS

President and Mrs. Rudd were on the road the first 10 or 12 days of September, taking Mrs. Rudd's father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Searcy, on the first lap of their trip back to Kansas after a visit at Cedar Hill. From Dayton the party journeyed to Indianapolis, spending the night with Miss Martha Anderson, a friend of the family who had some years ago attended the wedding of President and Mrs. Rudd in Kansas.

Traveling next to St. Louis, the party separated, Rev. and Mrs. Searcy boarding the Burlington Zephyr for Kansas City, the Rudds going to visit the Ozark Self-Help Bible School at St. James, Missouri, the school being under the directorship of the Rev. J. B. Thornton, a member of the Board of Trustees of the University.

In Cedar Lake, Indiana, the travelers enjoyed Christian fellowship at the I. F. C. A. Conference, hearing several messages from Dr. Walter Wilson, a good friend of and former speaker at the University. President Rudd was given the pleasure of speaking at one of the prayer meetings and telling something of the work of the University.

It was while visiting in Napoleon and Elyria, Ohio, with friends that President and Mrs. Rudd celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage, for which occasion *NEWSETTE* extends tardy but sincere congratulations.

On the road to Washington, Sarah Idleman, a former student, was visited at Marianna, the Pauls in Uniontown, Lewis Llewellyn at Freeport, the Van Gorders at Butler, and the Penicks at Clearfield. Returning from Washington through Virginia and over the Sky Line Drive, the travelers arrived in Dayton two days prior to the opening of school on the seventeenth.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Mrs. Marion Louise Coutts

Through the kind co-operation of Mrs. Annie R. Abel, head of the local school of business, University students have been able to have teaching in secretarial studies and bookkeeping. With the addition of Mrs. Marion Louise Coutts to the faculty, bookkeeping, shorthand, typing, and other related subjects will be offered along with other standard college work on the University campus.

Having received her A. B. degree from Wellesley College and having taught for five years in Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, in the South Shore Secretarial School, Long Island, and in Palmer Junior College, DeFuniak Springs, Florida, Mrs. Coutts is well qualified to teach her subjects and to give expert instruction and advice to those interested in secretarial work. As secretary to the editor of the *Delineator Magazine*, she obtained valuable experience in the business world.

Mrs. Coutts is particularly anxious to open classes to those who have studied some shorthand and who are



Mrs. Mildred Church Paul

now ready for advanced study, her aim being to aid the student in increasing his speed and accuracy, thereby enabling him to realize a greater financial return on his school investment.

Mrs. Mildred Church Paul, who has succeeded Mrs. Minerva Rohrer in the office of Dietitian, comes to the University peculiarly fitted for her work in the dining hall, having held a somewhat similar position before. She has been an active worker with the West Side Mission of Asbury Park, N. J., and in the summer Bible Schools at Asbury Park and Atlantic City. For four years she was a member of the Presbyterian Board of Education.

Mrs. Paul's work in the mission field should be of great value in making it possible for her to assist in the Gospel work being done in the surrounding communities.

Praying the Lord's blessing on both these members of the household of faith, *NEWSETTE* welcomes them into His fellowship at Bryan.

Furniture Secured

One of the problems faced by the University has been that of adequately supplying the dormitories with suitable, usable furniture. Mr. Fish, on his recent trip to Atlanta, took the trailer along and brought back a number of good books, a dresser or two, a bed, and one or two other articles of furniture which can well be used.

Chickens Laying

To the joyous expectation of all, the far-famed Bryan chickens have begun to lay, and steps are being taken to place them into newly-constructed laying cages. Through the use of these cages, an accurate record can be kept of the eggs laid by each chicken. A steady supply of fresh eggs will mean much to the University.

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young man and a young lady attended the services of the church where I was pastor. The young man whom I knew said to me, "Brother Eastep, I want you to meet a friend of mine who was converted in your meeting at — (the place of the above mentioned meeting)." I said to the young lady, "You were surely not converted in my meeting there, because I had no conversions in that meeting. I did not even offer an invitation in that meeting." Then she replied, "That is true. But on the last Thursday night of the meeting I saw the light for the first time, and I believed and was saved that night." God's Word prospered in the thing whereunto He had sent it. We reaped in due season.

A few years ago in the city where we now live I had the following experience: One Monday morning I called in a home where there was sickness. This family belonged to another church in the city. The young man in the home said to me, "Last night I was converted in your church." "But," I said, "Are you not a member of — Church? And I did not see you make a profession of faith." He replied, "I am a member of — Church, but I was not saved. I was taken into the church when a boy and I did not know what it meant to believe on Christ. But last night I realized for the first time what it means to be saved. I am now a Christian." And his life has proved it. Was it the power of the preacher? No. It was the power of the Word. The Word of God had done its work. It returned not void. We reaped what we had sown the night before.

If any servant of the Lord should read these lines, let me say unto you, "Do not get discouraged. Preach the Word and trust God for results. The Bible will do its work." "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12.)

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Former Students Visit

A renewing of fellowship with two former students was enjoyed during the early part of September, when Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Hall, Eustis, Florida, visited the University. Mr. Hall and Mrs. Hall, formerly Mae Wells, of Kentucky, were enrolled in the University for two years, later entering Stetson University, from which Mr. Hall receives his degree in June. Prior to visiting at Bryan, they had visited with Mrs. Hall's parents and sister in Mt. Olivet, Kentucky.

The Anvil of God's Word

I stood one day beside a blacksmith's door,

And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;

Then, looking in I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had?" said I,

"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"

"Just one," he said, then said with twinkling eye,

"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so methought the anvil of God's Word,

For ages sceptics' blows have beat upon,

And though the noise of falling blow was heard,

The anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone.

(Author unknown.)

Get-Acquainted Vesper

The first vesper service for this year was held at Cedar Hill on Saturday evening, the eighteenth of September, for students and faculty as a get-acquainted gathering. Two-minute conversations between various individuals enabled the new and old students and teachers to become familiar.

After light refreshments were served, the group enjoyed fellowship in song and prayer. Special numbers were rendered by Clarence Breese, who played a trumpet solo, and Edward Paul, who sang a solo accompanied by Miss Lyster with her guitar.

ANNUAL HIKE

In keeping with the custom of taking new students on a hike up neighboring Lone Mountain, a number of both students and faculty left Cedar Hill Dormitory at three on the afternoon of the twenty-third and climbed laboriously up the mountain, cries of "Let's go," being interspersed with more frequent cries of "Wait a minute. . . . Don't go so fast. . . . Have a heart." Like the proverbial bear who went over the mountain, they saw what they could see: miles of valley, a thin Tennessee River winding its way in and out among the ant-hill mountains.

Upon their return to a convenient and grassy location near the Richland Creek, they were joined by others from the school and enjoyed a supper of hamburgers and the usual garnishings. Games and songs around a large fire brought to a conclusion a strenuous and enjoyable outing.

B. Y. P. U. ENTERTAINS

A number of the Bryan students and teachers were entertained by the Baptist young people at Crystal Lake on Monday evening, September 20th. After some of the students enjoyed a swim, the group participated in a wiener and marshmallow roast. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing games and conversing.

MISS BEEKMAN LEAVES

(Miss Bertha Waldron Beekman, for the past two years teacher of Spanish and French in the University, and a very active member of the Gospel teams working in the nearby communities, has been called away from her teaching duties to work in the mountains of Jackson County, Kentucky.) Though she will have some teaching duties in the mission school of the Dutch Reformed Church, under whose auspices she enters the field, her duties will be largely personal work among the mountain families.

With sincere regrets NEWSETTE and her readers received the news of the separation and the departure of Miss Beekman from the "family." It is our earnest prayer that God may direct her, encourage her, and use her in the work to which we believe He has truly called her. May she be to her new friends the blessing she has been to us who have learned to appreciate and love her.

Mrs. Fish in Florida

During a part of August and a larger share of September, Mrs. Lloyd E. Fish, a member of the office staff, has been vacationing in Florida with friends, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Barrett, of Miami. She returned to Atlanta on the twenty-fifth, where she was met by Mr. Fish, arriving in Dayton a day later.

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institution the prayer burden which is on their hearts.

Although registration is not completed, and students will continue to report for study as late as the end of the month, nine states are already represented in the group.

Florida: Rebecca Haeger, Miami; Alvin Hall, Eustis; Margaret Lowe, Narcoossee.

Kansas: Glenn Klammer, Detroit.

Kentucky: Forrest Ford, Warfield; Derward Maynard, Beauty.

New Jersey: James Darrell, Riverside; Edward de Rosset, Dunellen; Harold Fuss, Beverly; Eileen Garwood, Beverly; Joseph A. Schellhorn, Dunellen.

New York: Janet Webb, Olivera.

Ohio: Rebecca Peck, Elyria; Louise Post, Elyria; Wayne Smith, Wadsworth.

Pennsylvania: Clarence Breese, Carbondale; Harry Crewe, Philadelphia; Daniel Hirschy, Evans City; Mildred Kuntz, Allentown; Edward Paul, Uniontown; William Paul, Uniontown; Charles Shirley, Saltsburg; Paul Wells, Freeport.

Tennessee: Mabel Arnold, Dayton; Hugh Gallagher, Dayton; Joseph Gallagher, Dayton; Jesse Lasley, Soddy; Mary McPherson, Dayton; Webster Moody, Hixson; Elizabeth Moore, Dayton; Stella Purser, Dayton; Julius Reeves, Germantown; Ruth Toliver, Dayton.

Virginia: Christine Gordon, Richmond; Frances Gordon, Union Level.

One or more other states will be represented by the students not yet registered. Anyone interested in entering the University should write to the Office of the Dean at once.

NEWSETTE GROWS ✓

(Only 25 months ago was born into the Bryan family the little lady known to her friends as NEWSETTE. Some 65 copies, crudely mimeographed, journeyed to probably 15 states and 35 or 40 cities.

How different now! All toggled out in regular, up-to-the-minute togs. And has she grown! The July issue numbered 3,000 copies, went into approximately 2,400 homes in 643 cities, scattered over an area of 42 states, Canada and Bulgaria.)

She has become the chief medium of keeping subscribers and students up to date with what goes on at Bryan. Dedicated to the work of the Lord, NEWSETTE requests the prayers of its many readers, to the end that she may continue to serve in all faithfulness and that she may play her part in the training of young men and women to enter the harvest field for Him.



On the Campus

Since NEWSETTE last went to press, the University has welcomed the following visitors: Mrs. T. T. Searcy-Spivey, Soddy, Tenn.; Mrs. George R. Langham and Mr. John Langham, Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. David Marshall, Bristol, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn V. Tingley, Birmingham, Ala., and Messrs. E. B. and J. B. Mong, Sunbright, Tenn.

A number of last year's students are now attending other colleges. Among the former students transferring are Lillian Hummel, Eugenia Pless, Parker Mishkoff, and Lynden Berry.

Agnes and John de Rosset and William Wonderly are enrolled at Columbia Bible School.

GOSPEL TEAMS ORGANIZED

Once again cars are heading out from Dayton each Sunday morning and afternoon, renewing the blessed work of carrying to nearby stations the Word of Truth. Old and new students and teachers will join this year in an effort to spread the word even farther than heretofore. Services last Sunday were held at Norman's Chapel, The Cove, High Point, Pleasant Dale, Pennine and Kelly's Hollow.

This "gospel giving" is considered a very important part of the University work, offering, as it does, opportunities for actual experience in the field for both ministerial and lay students. The prayers of friends are invited that the work might bring a rich harvest of saved to the throne of our Saviour.

The young ladies of Cedar Hill are working on a set of rules under which to live during the present session. The regulations will be approved by a faculty committee before final adoption. It begins a policy of student-faculty government which should prove entirely successful in a Christian institution.

Mr. Wayne Smith, a new student, preached at Pleasant Dale on the nineteenth, using Hebrews 10 as his scripture subject. Mrs. Smith played several numbers on the xylophone.

On the evening of the twenty-fourth the young men at the Octagon had their annual stag party, welcoming the new students into the fellowship. Prof. and Mrs. McMurry, as dormitory counsellors, were hosts, other faculty members making brief talks of advice and encouragement.

Mrs. Rudd was ill in bed for several days, but is now up and about once again.

Constance, Landis, and Ralph Penick delayed returning to the University in order that Ralph might preach on the twenty-sixth.

Juanita Pendergrass spent Saturday evening with the Lusks.